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- ☒ Other: Copy of International Search Report; Refund Request; Copy of Preliminary Amendment; Copy of date-stamped postcard
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a refund pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.26. In particular, Applicant was charged for the multiple dependent claim fee and excess claim fees. Applicant filed a preliminary amendment removing the multiple dependencies from the claims upon filing the application. The original application had 32 claims and the claim total was amended to 34 claims after the Preliminary Examination in the International application. Applicant canceled 6 of these claims in the Preliminary Amendment, however, added 2 additional claims, making the total 30 claims. A Filing Fee of \$520.00 was paid with the application on January 19, 2001. The amount of \$430.00 for the Basic fee and \$90.00 for 10 additional claims.

Applicant is entitled to a refund of \$135.00 for the multiple dependent fee charged in error and for \$108.00 for the excess claim fee charged in error. A copy of the

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Applicant respectfully requests that the amount of \$243.00 be refunded.

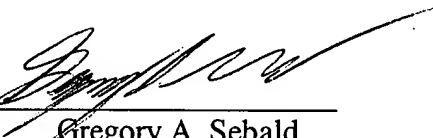
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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate under 37 CFR 1.10.
- ☒ National Stage PCT Patent Application: Spec. 44 pgs; 32 claims
- ☒ 1 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ An unsigned Combined Declaration and ~~Power~~ of Attorney
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$520.00 to cover the Filing Fee
- ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment with Abstract; Form PCT/IB/308; Form PCT/RO/101; Form PCT/ISA/220; Form PCT/ISA/210; Form PCT/IPEA/401; Form PCT/IPEA/408; Form PCT/IPEA/416; Form PCT/IPEA/210 Form PTO-1390; 5 Amended sheets under Article 19.

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